Mr. A. SANKARA PUDUVAL.

Meeting is simply a meeting. It may be even in the afternoon. There is no harm. We disperse after the meeting.

The Law Member is perfectly right. The Bill as amended may be taken up and passed at a subsequent meeting.

President.—There are some omissions. The Bill as amended will be taken up and passed at a subsequent meeting.

Mr. K. ACHYUTA MENON.

Yes, Sir.

Mr. T. K. KRISHNA MENON.

Sir, I second it.

President.—The motion before the House is that the Bill as amended be taken up at the meeting of Friday, the 26th of Vrischigam 1101.

The motion was put to votes and carried.

The Cochin Cinematograph Bill.

President.—The next item in the agenda is the introduction of the Cinematograph Bill.

Here you say "The Draft Cinematograph Regulation", though afterwards in the "Electricity Regulation", the same thing arose. You may correct that. It will be consistent.

RAO SAHIB T. V. KASTURI RANGA AYYAR.

The Draft Regulation becomes the Act.

President.—Here also we shall have the "Cochin Cinematograph Bill".

Mr. K. ACHYUTA MENON.

I beg to move that the "Cochin Cinematograph Bill" may be read in the Council.

Mr. T. K. KRISHNA MENON

Sir, I second it.

President.—Anybody wishing to speak on the "Cinematograph Bill"?

Mr. K. ACHYUTA MENON.

Of course, the object of the Bill is, as stated in it, to prevent objectionable films from being exhibited, and another object is the protection of person and property. These were the objects which moved the Government to introduce the Bill. The draft consists of 9 sections. All these are with regard to the licen-

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see's taking permission for exhibiting certain films and the Regulation follows the Indian Act of 1918.

President.—You have seconded it?

Mr. T. K. KRISHNA MENON.

Yer, Sir.

President.—Any other member wishing to speak ?

There was none. The motion was put to votes and passed by the Council.

Mr. T. K. KRISHNA MENON.

The title of the Bill is the "Cochin Cinematograph Bill".

Mr. K. ACHYUTA MENON.

It treats of a non-controversial matter as the Electricity Bill. I beg to move that the provision that 15 clear days should elapse before taking the Bill into consideration may be suspended.

President.—Yes, the rule is suspended.

Mr. K. ACHYUTA MENON.

I beg to move that the " Cochin Cinematograph Bill " be considered in Council. It need not be referred to a Select Committee.

President.—The mover does not propose a Select Committee. In order that the Bill may be taken up for consideration, 15 days should elapse. That rule has been suspended. The Bill may be taken up for consideration at once.

Mr. K. ACHYUTA MENON.

I beg to move that the " Cochin Cinematograph Bill " be taken up for consideration at once.

Mr. T. K. KRISHNA MENON.

Sir, I second it.

The motion was put to the House and passed.

President.—Under Standing Order No. 41, I propose to call each clause separately.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

We have absolutely no objection for putting the whole Bill to the House, because the President can put a Bill or any part of a Bill clause by clause. The whole Bill may be taken up and read. And if this procedure is adopted, the President need not call each clause separately That is the discretionary power

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given to the President. Of course, in a non-contentious matter like this, there is likely to be no objection to this mode of dealing with it.

President.—"Shall" is obligatory.

The President then read the numbers and headings of the sections of the Bill. There was no opposition.

Mr. K. ACHYUTA MENON.

I beg to move that the Cochin Cinematograph Bill be taken up and passed at the meeting of Friday, the 11th of December 1925.

Mr. T. K. KRISHNA MENON.

Sir, I second it.

President.—Is there any amendment?

Mr. K. ACHYUTA MENON.

No, Sir.

The motion was put to votes and carried.

President.—The next item is the resolution standing in the name of Mr. C. Achyuta Menon.

Order of Resolutions to be discussed.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

Sir, I rise to a point of order. This resolution cannot be taken, as it violates the rules. According to the rules, all resolutions have to be ballotted, and may come up before the House only in the order of the ballot and not otherwise. I understand that this resolution does not come up as the first resolution in the order of the ballot. This was the fourth resolution that was ballotted, and it shall come only as the fourth and not as the first. I do not know under what rules the Secretary was pleased to state that this resolution comes on the first day, and there is no provision in the Rules, nor in the Regulation, nor in the Standing Orders, to change the order of the ballot. It is not in the discretion of the President to change the ballot order. This rule is part and parcel of the Council Regulation, and are not the rules passed for this Council binding on the President and members and all others alike? There is no power anywhere by which you, Sir, could plead an excuse that there was no time to take up the resolution, as the materials necessary for the discussion have not been got ready by the Government. There is no such excuse possible under the Regulation and under the Rules. It is incumbent on the President to take up the reso-

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